

# WE LEARN

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual (Net)Working Gathering  
& Conference on Women & Literacy*

**March 9-10, 2007**

*(pre-conference March 8, 2007)*

**Northeastern University  
Boston, Massachusetts**

*Co-Sponsored by Northeastern University School  
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## CALL for PRESENTERS



## Threads of Experience: Creative Spaces for Women's Learning

*WE LEARN seeks presentations in all educational areas  
serving women students in adult literacy/basic education*

### WE LEARN invites proposals from:

Students \*\*  
Teachers/tutors \*\*  
Administrators  
Professional  
Developers  
Researchers  
Policy-makers  
Community activists  
  
Individuals or  
Groups

(\*\* We especially want  
students and program  
groups to apply)



### What supports women's learning? What is creative space?

How do you know? Experience...Research...Observation...Doing?

#### Share what you know...

- Describe women-focused learning & teaching
- Illustrate the qualities of creative space
- Show your most useful ideas and activities
- Define and describe successes
- Share your favorite resources



### What about woman-self?

- Spirituality / Beliefs
- Personal Development
- Views / Ideas / Values / Feelings
- Dreams & Goals
- Work
- Family / Friends / Allies / Mentors
- Health / Wellness / Sexuality
- Music / Art / Theatre / Dance
- Rest / Relaxation / Play
- Social Action / Civic Engagement

### What does support feel like?

- What helps women to participate in learning?
- How do women students and teachers become leaders?
- Who makes choices or decisions about goals?
- Is teaching adult literacy a "women's profession"? What about better wages, positions, benefits?

### What inhibits women's learning?

- Address social oppressions
- Consider family & work responsibilities
- Explore policies such as:
  - ✓ Immigration
  - ✓ WIA / welfare
  - ✓ Equity & Affirmative Action
  - ✓ Patriot Act & War on Terrorism
  - ✓ Testing (or NRS) ...Etc.

~ Hands-on Workshops or  
Demonstrations  
~ Panel presentations  
~ Research Discussions  
~ Performance / Art  
~ Posters / Displays

**Use the attached form & MAIL or EMAIL proposals to:**

**WE LEARN, c/o Mev Miller, Ed.D.,**

**182 Riverside Ave.**

**Cranston, RI 02910**

[welearn@litwomen.org](mailto:welearn@litwomen.org)

**DEADLINE:**

**December 1, 2006**

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*Invitation to*  
**WOMEN STUDENTS...**  
**Share What You Know**



## **Threads of Experience: Creative Spaces for Women's Learning**

**WE LEARN invites  
students to present at  
the conference.  
Here are some ways to  
do it...**

Do a workshop  
Prepare a skit or  
performance  
Make a poster or a  
display and handouts  
Organize a panel from  
your program or class



### **Topics ideas:**

#### **What supports women's learning?**

How do you learn best?  
What activities have you done?  
What books or readings have you enjoyed?

#### **How can women students be leaders?**

What helps you to become a leader?  
What helps you to be successful?

#### **What about your self as a woman?**

- Spirituality / Beliefs
- Personal Development
- Views / Ideas / Values / Feelings
- Dreams & Goals
- Work
- Family / Friends / Role models
- Health / Wellness / Sexuality
- Music / Art / Theatre / Dance
- Rest / Relaxation / Play
- Social Action / Community Involvement

#### **What gets in the way of women's learning?**

What makes it hard for you to learn?

*See reverse for more ideas...*

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**2007 PROPOSAL FORM**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Presentation:**

**Names of all Presenters and their Affiliations:**

**Bio of Presenters (30 words maximum)** – use additional sheet if necessary

**Intended Audience:** *(choose all that apply)*

\_\_\_ Learners    \_\_\_ Teachers    \_\_\_ Administrators    \_\_\_ Academics    \_\_\_ General Audience

*All rooms are equipped with whiteboards & markers.*

**Audio/Visual requirements**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*:** Presenters who would like to use Power Point or Internet or other computer-based technology are **STRONGLY encouraged** to bring their own Laptop.

**Other Special needs:**

***Tell us about what you would like to do:***

We select proposals based on their relevance to adult literacy/basic education, focus on women-centered learning, and reflection of the theme of the conference.

**1. Format *(check one)***

<b>Presentation Format:</b> <b>All sessions are 1.5 hours in length.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop or Demonstration <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Paper/Presentation (WE LEARN may opt to place 2-3 research papers together in one session.) <input type="checkbox"/> Reading / Art / Performance	<b>RESOURCE SHARE (Poster Sessions / Handouts)</b> <i>WE LEARN will provide a limited amount of table space for programs or students groups to display samples of their women-centered creative learning spaces.</i> <b>I (we) do not want to make a presentation, but would like to share our creative work.</b> <b>I (we) request:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Table space to display materials + poster <input type="checkbox"/> Table space to giveaway handouts / materials
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*(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

**2. Summary – 30 word limit for the program book *(make it clear so people will know what to expect)***

**3. Abstract – 250 word limit – we mean it!**

**4. Tell us why you think this proposal relates to creative spaces for women's learning in adult basic/literacy education. How will it inform the participants or forward women's learning?**

**5. What do you hope to learn from your participation in the WE LEARN conference?**

<b>Complete form &amp; MAIL or EMAIL proposals (with attachments) to:</b> WE LEARN, c/o Mev Miller, Ed.D., 182 Riverside Ave. Cranston, RI 02910 <a href="mailto:welearn@litwomen.org">welearn@litwomen.org</a>  <b>DEADLINE:</b> <b>Friday, December 1, 2006</b>	<b>I understand that presenters and co-presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• must register for the conference and pay the registration fee (presenters receive a special rate – see registration forms)</li><li>• will be responsible for all costs related to transportation, room and board</li><li>• will be responsible for generating and providing handouts</li><li>• will make requests for Audio/Visual requirements by February 1, 2007</li></ul> <p>Do you grant permission for your materials to be placed on the WE LEARN website? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no (<i>not required – but we offer the option to you</i>)</p> <b>Signature of Lead Presenter:</b>
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